

March of the White Guard

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CHAPTER VII.

In Jasper Hume's house at midnight Varre Lepage lay asleep with his wife's letters—received through the Factor—clashed to his breast. The firelight played upon a face prematurely old—a dark, disappointed face—a doomed face, as it seemed to the Factor.

"You knew him, then," the Factor said, after a long silence.

"Yes; I knew him well, years ago," replied Jasper Hume.

Just then the sick man stirred in his sleep, and said disjunctively, "I'll make it all right to you, Jasper." Then came a pause and a quicker utterance, "Rose—I love you—Forgive—forgive!"

The Factor rose and turned to go, and Jasper Hume, with a despairing, sorrowful gesture, went over to the bed.

Again the voice said, "Ten years—I have repented ten years—My wife—Don't, don't!—I dare not speak—Jasper forgives me, oh, Rose!"

The Factor touched Jasper Hume's arm. "This is delirium," he said. "He has fever. You and I must nurse him, Hume. You can trust me—you understand."

"Yes, I can trust you," was the reply. "But I can tell you nothing."

"I do not want to know anything. If you can watch till two o'clock I will relieve you. I'll send the medicine chest over. You know how to treat him."

The Factor passed out and the other was left alone with the man who had wronged him. The feeling most active in his mind was pity, and as he prepared a draught from his own stock of medicines, he thought of the past and the present all over. He knew that however much he had suffered, this man had suffered more. And in this silent night there was broken down any slight barrier that may have stood between Varre Lepage and his complete compassion. Having effaced himself from the calculation, justice became forgiveness.

He moistened the sick man's lips and bathed his forehead, and roused him once to take a quieting powder. Then he sat down and wrote to Rose Lepage. But he tore the letter up again and said to the dog: "No, Jacques, I cannot; the Factor must do it. She needn't know yet that it was I with the White Guard who saved him. It doesn't make any burden of gratitude for her, if my name is kept out of it. And the Factor mustn't mention me, Jacques—not yet. And when he is well we will go to London with it, Jacques, and we needn't meet her; and it will be all right, Jacques; all right!"

And the dog seemed to understand; for he went over to the box that held it; and looked at his master. And Jasper Hume rose and broke the seal and unlocked the box and opened it; but he heard the sick man moan and he closed it again and went over to the bed. The feeble voice said, "I must speak—I cannot die so—not so—Jasper."

And Jasper Hume murmured, "God help him." And he moistened the lips once again, and put a cold cloth on the fevered head, and then sat down by the fire again. And Varre Lepage

sleep. As if some charm had been in that "God help him," the restless hands grew quiet, the breath became more regular, and the tortured mind found a short peace. With the old debating look in his eyes, Jasper Hume sat until the Factor relieved him.

CHAPTER VIII.

February and March and April were past and May was come. Varre Lepage had had a hard struggle for life, but he had survived. For weeks every night there was a repetition of that first night after the return; delirious self-condemnation, entreaty, and love of his wife, and Jasper Hume's name mentioned now and again in shuddering remorse. With the help of the Indian who had shared the sick man's sufferings in the Barren Grounds, the Factor and Jasper Hume nursed him back to life. Between the two watchers, no word had passed after the first night regarding the substance of Varre Lepage's delirium. But one evening the Factor was watching alone, and the repentant man from his feverish sleep cried out, "Hush, hush; don't let them know—I stole them both from him—and the baby died because of that; God took it—and Rose did not know! She did not know!"

The Factor rose and walked away. The dog was watching him. He said to Jacques: "You have a good master, Jacques—too good and great for the H. B. C."

CHAPTER IX.

It is the 10th of May. In an armchair made of hickory and birch bark by Cloud-in-the-Sky, sits Varre Lepage reading a letter from his wife. She is at Winnipeg, and is coming west as far as Regina to meet him on his way down. He looks a wreck; but a handsome wreck! His refined features, his soft black beard and blue eyes, his graceful hand and gentle manners, one would scarcely think belonged to an evil-hearted man. He sits in the sunlight at the door, wrapped about in moose and beaver skins. This world of plain and wood is glad. Not so Varre Lepage. He sat and thought of what was to come. He had hoped at times that he would die, but twice Jasper Hume had said, "I detest your life; you owe it to your wife—to me—to God!" And he had pulled his heart up to this demand and had lived. But what lay before him? He saw a stony track, and he shuddered. The Bar of Justice and Retribution raised its cold barriers before him; and he was not strong!

As he sat there facing his future Jasper Hume came to him and said, "If you feel up to it, Lepage, we will start for Edmonton and Shovanne on Monday. I think it will be quite safe, and your wife is anxious. I shall accompany you as far as Edmonton; you can then proceed to Shovanne by easy stages, and so on east in the pleasant weather. Are you ready to go?"

"Yes! I am ready."

CHAPTER X.

On a beautiful May evening Varre Lepage, Jasper Hume, and the White Guard are welcomed at Fort Edmonton by the officer in command of the Mounted Police. They are to enjoy

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JESUS BEFORE CAIAPHAS

Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 18, 1906

Specially Prepared for This Paper.

LESSON TEXT.—Matt. 26:57-68. Memory Verses, 57, 58. GOLDEN TEXT.—"He is despised and rejected of men."—Isaiah 53:3.

TIME.—The lesson covers a period of several hours, from some time between one and two o'clock Friday morning till after sunrise April 7, A. D. 30.

PLACE.—The palace of the high priest and the hall of the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

V. 57. "They that had laid hold." The Roman soldiers, who still had the arrested man in charge. "Led him to Caiaphas." To the apartment of the acting high-priest, where, instead of in its usual hall, a hastily called meeting of the Sanhedrin was held. "Scribes and elders were assembled." Chief priests also, were there, as Mark mentions (14:53).

V. 58. "Peter followed him afar off." Peter's trouble came through his following afar off. "Sat with the servants" (or officers). Stood or sat among them as they clustered about the fire in the open court, whence they could see what was going on in the council chamber.

V. 59. "Chief priests . . . sought false witness." It was the religious leaders of the people who were prime movers in the trial of Jesus. But what they sought was "witness against Jesus to put him to death," and they had to seek far for witness against one who ever "went about doing good." Then, as now, only those who knew him could say anything against him.

V. 60. "Found none." It was no easy matter to agree upon a charge against the blameless One. "Many false witnesses came." Unscrupulous persons, by threats or money, could be brought to give such testimony as the judges sought. But the trouble was, the accounts of such men did not agree with one another. Jewish law required that at least two witnesses must agree before one could be convicted of capital offense (Deut. 17:6).

V. 61. "Said, I am able to destroy," etc. Read what Jesus had said early in his ministry (John 2:19-21), and note how his whole spirit was altered by this report.

V. 62. "The high priest arose." Thus far every effort had utterly failed to bring to light anything against Jesus. Caiaphas, forgetting his official dignity, and leaving his official seat, stepped toward the Accused, exasperated by his silence, and determined to make him criminate himself. "Answerest thou nothing?" Jesus had maintained unbroken silence. He "endured the contradiction of sinners against himself" without one word of self-defense. Here, as elsewhere, he is our great example.

V. 63. "Jesus held his peace." For perhaps an hour he listened in silence, fulfilling Isa. 53:7. "The high priest answered." He responded to the situation into which he was forced by the persistent silence of Jesus. "I adjure thee by the living God." This was the ordinary formula of administering an oath. The action was illegal and Jesus at first protested against it (Luke 22:67-70). "Tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." The high priest asked Jesus under oath to testify concerning his claims, first, as to his Messianic vocation, and second, as to his peculiar relation to

the heavenly Father.

V. 64. "Thou hast said." That is, You have stated the truth. This was equivalent to saying, as Mark renders it, "I am." "Nevertheless." More than this, "Hereafter shall ye see," etc. This would call to mind a well-known prophecy concerning the Messiah (Dan. 7:13, 14).

V. 65. "Rent his clothes." This had been originally an involuntary expression of grief, but it had now become a formal act, when one was found guilty of blasphemy.

V. 66. "What think ye?" Caiaphas appeals to the assembled Sanhedrin for a verdict. "He is guilty of death." The verdict "guilty" was unanimous. He was guilty of blasphemy, hence worthy of death (Lev. 24:16). The council then adjourned to meet at daybreak. During the interim Jesus was delivered to the care of soldiers and servants of the Sanhedrin, who subjected him to every form of indignity which their brutal instincts could devise.

Vs. 67, 68. "Buffeted him." Struck him with their fists. "Propheesied unto us." They first blindfolded him (Luke 22:64), then called upon him to display his supernatural power by naming the man who struck him.

Practical Points.

V. 58. We run into danger as soon as we permit the slightest separation between ourselves and Jesus.—John 15:4, 5.

V. 59. The world to-day seeks a witness of Jesus in the lives of his professed followers.—Acts 1:8.

V. 62. A righteous character is the unimpeachable answer to calumny.—1 Pet. 3:16.

V. 63. Let us look to Christ for grace to bear reproach in silence.—Heb. 12:2.

V. 64. There come times when to remain silent would be treason to the truth.—1 Pet. 3:15.

"America" in Many Tongues.

At the Fourth of July celebration in Manila, "America" was sung (sometimes in their own language) by Filipinos, Japanese, Chinese, Germans, French, Spanish, English, Italians, Australians and Americans.

The Second Baptist Sunday school will give a twelve-mile walk at their church on Friday night, Nov. 23rd, for the benefit of the church.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County of Lucas, State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of search that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.

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A Mountain of Gold

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An Indian chieftain as a railroad president is a rare thing, but that is what Pleasant Porter, chief of the Creeks is. His railroad is the Indian Central. It fled its charter at Guthrie. It is capitalized at \$15,000,000 and contemplates the construction of 460 miles of railroad in Indian Territory and Oklahoma within the next two years. The road begins at Ponca City and runs southeast to Paris Texas, with a branch running from the Red river northwest to Oklahoma City.

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(First Insertion Nov. 9.)
CITY OF PUBLICATION.
State of Ohio, County of Lucas, City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, Plaintiff vs. Joseph Frank Stalling, Defendant.
At this day of the month of November, A. D. 1906, the undersigned, Clerk of the Court, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing Petition and Affidavit, together with the exhibits thereto, have been filed for record in the Court of Lucas County, Ohio, and that the same have been duly indexed and entered in the records of said Court.

Whereupon, it is ordered by the Clerk in vacation, that said Defendant be notified by Publication that said Plaintiff has commenced a suit against him in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of this Court divorcing her from the bonds of matrimony, and that unless said Joseph Frank Stalling be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Marshall, in said County, on the 14th day of January next, and on or before the first day of said Term, answer or plead to the Petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Marshall Republican a newspaper published in said County of Lucas for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least 30 days before the first day of said next January Term of this Court.

A. B. HOY, Circuit Clerk.
A true copy from the record. Witness my hand, and the seal of the Circuit Court of Lucas County, this 8th day of November, 1906.

(Real) A. B. HOY, Circuit Clerk.
A. B. JAMES, D. C.

(First Insertion Nov. 16.)
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Veltou, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of November, 1906, by Judge of the Probate Court of Saline County, Mo. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice they shall be forever barred.

ROBERT VELTON, Executor.
November 12th, 1906.



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